

2005 Grants**Media:** 6 projects**Name of Organization:** Southern Illinois University**Location:** Carbondale, Illinois**Subject:** African Media Promoting Transparency in Government

Southern Illinois University (SIU) will conduct a five-stage exchange program with Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia on the promotion of transparency in government through quality journalism. Activities include travel to the U.S. by 16 African journalists, journalism educators, government officials and leaders of NGOs to participate in workshops and media visits in Carbondale, Chicago and Washington, DC, and travel to East Africa by nine Americans to conduct large-scale workshops.

Country(ies): Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia

Region: Africa

U.S. State: Illinois

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance and Media

Name of Organization: Northern Illinois University**Location:** DeKalb, Illinois**Subject:** Promoting Democracy & Governance

Northern Illinois University (NIU) will implement a multi-phase program for leaders from government, education, religious, media and business communities to promote democratic ideals in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). The four-phase program includes: (1) an orientation program on political processes in the Philippines and the U.S. for ARMM participants; (2) a four-week U.S.-based program of professional development, action plan development, study tour/site visits, interaction and dialogue; (3) implementation of action plans in selected communities in the ARMM; and (4) follow-on activities and site visits by the NIU team to monitor and evaluate the community projects. The follow-on activities in Mindanao will enable continued dialogue between the government of the Philippines, the leadership and civil society actors in the ARMM, and international experts.

Country(ies): Philippines

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Illinois

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance, Media, Business

Name of Organization: Boston College

Location: Chestnut Hill, MA

Subject: Supporting Professional Exchanges in
Ireland and Northern Ireland

Boston College will conduct exchanges with Ireland and Northern Ireland on such topics as investigative journalism, education, young leaders development, e-governance, media spokespeople training, childhood education, and city management. Project activities will include site visits in Washington, DC; New York City; Birmingham, Alabama; Charleston, South Carolina; Denver, Colorado; and San Francisco, California, as well as seminars and workshops at Boston College for approximately 50 participants. The project will also send Americans to Northern Ireland and Ireland to conduct workshops and consultations for a wider audience.

Country(ies): Ireland and United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)

Region: Europe

U.S. State: Massachusetts

Theme(s): Media, Democracy & Governance

Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: University of Washington

Location: Seattle, Washington

Subject: Providing English-language Access to Middle Eastern
News Outlets

Funding will support the creation of an Internet-based site, available to English-language speakers worldwide, that will provide English-language access to a broad range of Middle Eastern news outlets and opinion leaders. Two American scholars will travel to Egypt and to the United Arab Emirates (Dubai) to establish communication and cooperation between the University of Washington and media specialists at the American University of Cairo's Adham Center, and journalists and broadcasters in Dubai. The Director of the Adham Center will travel to Seattle to assist with the development of a model website-the Middle East Information Portal-with representative content, demonstrating features of an operational site. A survey of potential users of the website will complete the project.

Country(ies): Egypt and United Arab Emirates (Dubai)

Region: North Africa and the Middle East

U.S. State: Washington

Theme(s): Media

Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: International Research and Exchanges Board

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Developing a Curriculum for Young Journalists

This three-phased project will support the development of curriculum and methodology appropriate for training a cadre of young journalists to understand the role of the media in demanding government transparency and accountability and to practice the investigative journalism needed to expose corruption and to establish public media as a watchdog. Project activities include a three-week U.S. program of workshops, discussions, and site visits for ten journalism educators from Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt; the preparation of course curricula in investigative journalism by the exchange participants after they have returned to their home universities; and a program in the Middle East, where five American journalism professors and media specialists will work with their counterparts to consolidate and advance the professional consultations begun in the United States.

Country(ies): Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt

Region: Middle East and North Africa

U.S. State: Washington, DC

Theme(s): Media

Name of Organization: Independent Television Service

Location: San Francisco, California

Subject: Supporting Travel to the 2005 International Public
Television Conference and the Production of 13 Films

Summary of Project:

The project will support travel to the 2005 International Public Television (INPUT) Conference in San Francisco for 75 – 100 public media filmmakers from Third World countries, which have been under-represented at previous INPUT conferences. Under International Media Development Fund (IMDF), it will support collaborative projects between independent documentary filmmakers and television producers for the purpose of making approximately 13 films about democracy and diversity in the United States, intended for export to other countries.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: California

Theme(s): Media, Democracy & Governance
Congressional Interest Project